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1. STIG BRATTSTROM, MFA OFFICER WHO HEADED SWEDISH DELEGATION TO NEW DELHI MEETING OF IRON ORE EXPORTERS, WAS, IN PRINCIPLE, POSITIVE WHEN EMBOFF RAISED MARCH 26 THE IDEA OF US INFORMAL OR OBSERVER ATTENDANCE AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION. SWEDEN HAS ALL ALONG FAVORED AN OPEN ORGANIZATION REFLECTING CONSUMER AS WELL AS PRODUCER INTEREST, BRATTSTROM SAID. HOWEVER, HE SUSPECTED THAT COUNTRIES WHICH HAD ADVOCATED AN EXCLUSIVE PRODUCERS' OPERATING ORGANIZATION AND HAD BEEN FORCED TO ACCEPT INSTEAD A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FOR CONSULTATIONS MIGHT NOT WISH TO YIELD ANY FURTHER.

RESPECTING CONSIDERABLE EXTENT OF THEIR COMPROMISE, SWEDEN WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO ENDANGER ORGANIZATION BY PRESSURING FURTHER TO OPEN MEETINGS TO NONMEMBERS IF THIS IDEA WERE GENERALLY OPPOSED.

2. ALTHOUGH DRAFT AGREEMENT IS SILENT ABOUT OBSERVERS, BRATTSTROM DID NOT KNOW IF ORGANIZATION WOULD ACTUALLY WISH TO EXCLUDE THEM. IF US WERE TO APPLY TO INDIA BEFORE MINISTERIAL MEETING FOR ADMISSION AS OBSERVER, BRATTSTROM THOUGHT MEETING WOULD THEN HAVE TO CONSIDER WHETHER AGREEMENT PERMITS CONSIDERATION OF SUCH A CASE, AND, IF IT DOES NOT, WHETHER IT SHOULD. HE RECOGNIZED THAT IF INDIA, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, WERE TO TURN DOWN SUCH AN APPLICATION, THEN US WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT ITS POSITION SHOULD BE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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